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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

VIA : Robert M. Gates
Deputy Director for Intelligence

FROM : R. E. Hineman
Associate Deputy Director for Intelligence

SUBJECT : Dissemination of Declassified Photos [REDACTED]

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REFERENCE : DDI Memorandum to the DCI, Dated 9 March 1982,
Subject: Declassification of U-2 Photography

1. Action Requested: You are requested to concur in dissemination to the media/public copies of the aerial imagery disclosed to the press 9 March by Admiral Inman and [REDACTED]

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2. Background: The CIA-DIA briefing is expected to produce a variety of requests for copies of the photos, which you declassified for the purpose (Ref.). State already has requested a copy of the briefing materials for use by Assistant Secretary for Human Affairs Abrams on a trip this weekend to Europe, where he will discuss human rights issues with the FRG foreign minister and media representatives in London and Paris. Pentagon public affairs officers have received requests from the press for copies of the photos and 10 briefing packets already have been released. JCS has asked for authority to use the materials with [REDACTED] officials. DDI legislative counsel has a request from Senator Quayle of the Armed Services Committee and expects many more from congressmen who wish to use the evidence with their constituents. The demand is increasing hourly. [REDACTED]

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3. We see little to gain in trying to control the intelligence now that it has been introduced into the public domain. The imagery itself does not reveal collection system capabilities that are not already public knowledge. The media have captured the photos with their own still and TV cameras, and could make copies of lesser quality than the

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originals. Thus the prospect of further damage to national security from public dissemination is next to nil. An attempt to limit disclosure would not withstand an FOIA challenge; once we publicly disclose intelligence, we lose control under law. [REDACTED]

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4. NPIC can quickly prepare a supply of paper prints for release to the press. The materials could be made available through State and DoD public affairs offices. Our INR and DIA colleagues have determined that this would pose no problem. [REDACTED]

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5. Staff Position: We have discussed the public access question with OGC, the DDI/FI officer, Chairman/COMIREX, NPIC, and with State/INR and DIA disclosure officers, all of whom concur that the photos, now that they are declassified, should be made available to the public in one form or another. Guidance developed jointly with COMIREX would be provided simultaneously, to limit discussion of intelligence sources. [REDACTED]

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6. Recommendation: It is recommended that you concur in the course of action we have charted with NPIC, DoD and State: To provide paper prints of only those photos displayed in the 9 March CIA-DIA briefing, for release to the press and public through State and Defense Department public affairs offices. [REDACTED]

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CONCUR:

/s/ B. R. Inman

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CONCUR:

/s/ William J. Casey

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